

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 7007 - HB 7072

August 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to develop a centralized system of case management, document management, electronic case filing, electronic payment methods, data reporting, and any other capability deemed necessary for collection and reporting of all state and local court public case level data. Requires, beginning January 31, 2024, and every six months thereafter until initial implementation of the system, the AOC to submit a written update on the progress of the development, including projections for ongoing costs and maintenance to the Governor, various members of the General Assembly, and the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis.

Requires, when development of the system is completed, the AOC to make the system available to all offices of court clerks, including those offices previously automated, and the offices within Shelby, Davidson, Knox, and Hamilton counties. Requires those offices to adopt and convert to the new system on a schedule to be determined in consultation with the AOC.

Requires, until the AOC has completed the development of the system, court clerk offices to maintain existing court information computer systems and to continue to collect and report electronically all data required under existing Supreme Court rules, or as otherwise statutorily mandated.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 418 of 2023 appropriated \$75,000,000 to the AOC for the establishment of a system such as the one described in the proposed legislation. The AOC is currently developing this system.
- Based on information provided by the AOC, the \$75,000,000 appropriation is considered sufficient to fund the development of the system and includes funds estimated to be required to bring all of the clerk offices online to the new system, including those in Shelby, Davidson, Knox, and Hamilton counties.
- It is assumed that additional costs could be incurred in the future related to full implementation and ongoing maintenance. The extent and timing of any such additional expenditures is not known at this time.

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- However, if such expenditures do arise, it is assumed they will be foreseen and reported in the mandatory six-month updates to the Governor and members of the General Assembly required of the AOC, and that funding for those expenditures will be considered and potentially addressed in future legislation and appropriations.
- Therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local governments to develop the system as required by the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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